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WHY SOME RAILINGS ARE STILL THERE

COUNCIL DEBATE REVEALS THE REASON

There were more wailings about railings at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The report of the Works Committee stated that following a query he raised with the Ministry of Works and Buildings the Borough Engineer had been informed that the Ministry had now decided that iron gates as well as railings should be removed, subject to minor technical conditions.

The Borough Engineer, stated the report, had accordingly prepared an additional schedule of gates for removal.

Alderman W. Hawkins said he thought it was time that they made a protest against the manner in which the railings had been removed, but Councillor W. L. Knibbs pointed out that this was done at the previous meeting of the Council.

Councillor P. Turner wanted to know why certain railings had been allowed to remain in Ellington-road. It could not be claimed for them that they had artistic merit. They were stock railings which could be obtained from any ironmonger. These railings should be scheduled for removal the same as those of most other people and go to help the war effort. He was rather surprised that appeals had been made by the owners of the properties concerned.

Asked to name the properties he was referring to, Councillor Turner said they were the first five houses in Ellington-road from Cannon-road.

Alderman Hawkins called attention to danger spots which had been created in several places by the removal of railings. Referring to one case where the only gate taken from the road was removed from the house occupied by an employee of the Corporation, Alderman Hawkins added "You have turned a loyal citizen into a man with a grievance. The iron railings have entered into his soul."

Very little or no consideration had been shown by the people removing the railings. One could not go out without people calling attention to it.

"Monuments to the Unpatriotic" says Alderman.

Alderman C. R. Woodhams, chairman of the Works Committee, said a strong protest had already been sent by the Borough Surveyor to the Ministry of Works. So far as Councillor Turner's comment was concerned the owners of the houses mentioned in Ellington-road had appealed and as a result the railings had been "saved." In a few weeks' time the possession of railings would be a "monument to the unpatriotic people of the borough."

Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth said that a strong appeal was put in by the diocese for the retention of the railings round St. George's Church but at that time it was not allowed.

In reply to Councillor A. R. Young, Councillor Woodhams said the railings in Ellington-road were exempted on the grounds of artistic merit.

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) stated in reply to Councillor Young that the tribunal considering the appeal was the Council.

Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel said someone had been stigmatising somebody as unpatriotic. They all knew that the railings referred to in Ellington-road had no artistic merit, yet they were told that the Council was the tribunal which considered the appeal. He thought the Council should go fully into the matter. It was a slur upon the Council when there was differentiation between one person and another.

The Mayor said he felt very strongly about the matter. He had never been told the Council was the tribunal.

Councillor Young said he was going to ask the number of the resolution passed by the Council stating that the railings were of artistic merit.

The Town Clerk Explains.

Explaining the position, the Town Clerk said that in the matter of the removal of the railings the Council were acting as agents for the Ministry of Works and Buildings. The Ministry were absolutely responsible for the manner in which the railings had been removed. An official of the Ministry saw the Borough Surveyor and they agreed upon a method which should be adopted in removing the railings. One point the Borough Surveyor stressed was that the parapet walls or whatever was left should be reinstated in good condition. That was accepted by the officer from the Ministry. A method was agreed whereby the railings should be removed without causing too much damage. It was only fair to the Ministry to say that they did endeavour to carry out that procedure but they found it so expensive that they abandoned it. There was no doubt a great deal of damage had been caused to property and the Borough Surveyor made a very emphatic protest. which was sent to the Ministry. He believed it was true to say that since that time there had been some improvement.

Continuing, the Town Clerk said it had been suggested that afternoon that there had been discrimination between one person and another. An advertisement was published in the local press some weeks previously announcing that railings were to be removed and advising people that they could appeal against it if they thought their railings had artistic merit. A certain number of people did appeal. Those appeals were considered on their merits by the Works Committee. A report stating that appeals had been considered and allowed in certain cases was submitted by the Works Committee to the Council and that placed the responsibility on the Council. They were now getting complaints from people who did not appeal. Those people had only themselves to blame if they did not take the opportunity to appeal.

A Different Standard.

When the appeals went before the Works Committee, said the Town Clerk, little intimation had been given of the procedure to be adopted. It was quite true the committee felt that insufficient consideration had been given to the question of artistic merit in view of the procedure adopted by a panel of architects which had been set up, and which now carried out the work formerly done in this connection by the Works Committee. The panel adopted a different standard from that adopted by the Works Committee. A letter had now gone to the Ministry pointing this out and suggesting that the whole question of the removal of railings, and the question of those excepted by the Works Committee, should now be reviewed again by the panel of architects. He thought the Works Committee had done everything they could to put right the anomalies which had arisen.

The Mayor said he thought it was a farce that artistic merit should be a ground for appeal when iron was wanted for war purposes.

The members were satisfied with the Town Clerk's explanation and the matter was allowed to drop.

MAKING SURE

COUNCIL AND BROADSTAIRS RAILINGS

Having seen what has happened at Ramsgate, Broadstairs Council want to make sure that the railings in the town will be removed with as little damage as possible to property and that the work of reinstatement will be properly supervised.

At a meeting of the Council tomorrow the General Purposes Committee will recommend that the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) be directed to enquire of the Ministry of Works and Buildings what steps will be taken to ensure that the work of removal will be carried out with the least possible damage to the premises and to ask for particulars of the extent to which the work of reinstatement will be supervised.

The Finance Committee carry the matter a stage further by recommending that the Ministry be asked if they will permit the Council's Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) to supervise the work of removal and the work of making good after removal.

SALVAGE PRIZE

COUNCIL'S £50 GIFTS

Broadstairs Council to-morrow will be asked to allocate the £50 prize awarded to them in connection with the national contest to increase collections of waste paper.

One of the conditions of the competition was that half the prize should be donated by the local authority to the Red Cross, Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund, the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund or the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association.

The General Purposes Committee recommend that £25 should be given to the Red Cross and that of the balance £10 each should be given to Ramsgate and Margate Hospitals and £5 to Mrs. B. J. Pearson's Wool Fund.

F.A.P. LEADERS' EXTRA HALF-CROWN

Since Ramsgate Council decided to pay First Aid Party leaders 5s. above the basic rate approved for grant, general authority has been given for them to be paid 2s. 6d. extra.

Having considered the matter, bearing in mind the general increase recently granted all C.D. workers, the C.D. Committee came to the conclusion that the special rate of 5s. should still apply to the leaders to whom it was originally granted but that it should not apply in the case of new appointments.

COUNCIL OFFICERS' SALARIES

The Finance Committee of Broadstairs Council have recommended that no action be taken following the receipt of a letter from the Southern Home Counties Provincial Council for Local Authorities' Administrative and Clerical Services enclosing a copy of a scheme which has been adopted by the National Joint Council for the termination of the present percentage scheme and cost of living salary adjustments and for the substitution of a scheme of flat rate increases.

ROBBERY AT CHURCH

COLLECTIONS STOLEN FROM SAFE

The morning's collections, amounting to between £8 and £9, were stolen from St. Lawrence Church, Ramsgate, on Sunday afternoon.

Following a christening and afternoon Sunday school, Miss Waters, a Sunday school teacher, left the church at 3.45. The vestry door was then locked.

When Mr. W. Edis, the people's warden, arrived at the church prior to the evening service he found the vestry door had been forced.

The keys of the safe had been removed from a bag which had been left lying on the table and the safe was open. The three morning collections were missing.

A collecting box near the west door of the church had also been tampered with.

BOMBS ON ESTATE

SLIGHT DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES

There were no casualties and the damage caused was comparatively slight when three bombs were dropped by a raider in the grounds of an estate at a South East Coast town on Thursday night.

Two bombs fell in a field in which there were 27 sheep but not one of them was hurt.

The third bomb fell on the sloping lawn in front of the house and the roof of the building suffered from the effects of blast.

The caretaker and two other people were in the house at the time but fortunately none of them was hurt.

The blast from the bombs also caused slight damage to the roof of the old village church nearby.

TEAR GAS TESTS

CARRY YOUR RESPIRATOR IN RAMSGATE

Subject to weather conditions being favourable, tear gas tests are to be carried out in Ramsgate between Monday and Saturday next week, both days included.

Further tests may be carried out later on but no prior notice of these will be given.

Everyone is advised to carry their respirator. The gas will have no harmful effects and the civilian respirator provides complete protection.

Be prepared, and carry your respirator always.

Naval Wedding

PARISON—HALES

Members of the W.R.N.S. and the Free French Navy were present at a wedding on Monday at St. Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate.

The bridegroom was Paul Parison (Free French Navy) and the bride Irene Joyce Hales (W.R.N.S.), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hales, of Inchicore, Margate-road, now residing at High Wycombe, Bucks.

The bride, who was given away by André Molter (Free French Navy), wore a gown of ivory chiffon velvet, with headdress of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

The bridesmaids, the Misses Doreen Pain, Sheila Hales and Yvonne Pain, were attired in dresses of primrose organdie, and carried Victorian posies. Master Peter Hales, page, wore black velvet trousers and a white crepe de chine blouse.

The Rev. Father Aidan McArdle, O.S.B., officiated at the ceremony, and the best man was Robert Le Liboux (Free French Navy).

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister.

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

NOTICE OF TEAR GAS TESTS

It is proposed to release Tear Gas in the Borough on certain days between Monday, 13th April, 1942, and Saturday, 18th April, 1942, both dates inclusive, when weather conditions are favourable.

Further tests may be carried out on later dates and prior notice of these will **NOT** be given.

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6th April, 1942

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Ramsgate

FAMILY OF TEN

DO THEIR BIT FOR THEIR COUNTRY

Among family service records that of the Tift family, of Ramsgate, will take a bit of beating.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Tift, of 76 Edith-road, not only have six sons on active service, but two others, although too young for the fighting forces, are also serving their country, Reginald in the Air Training Corps, Ronald as a Civil Defence voluntary messenger. Mr. and Mrs. Tift both do fire-watching.

Of the six sons on active service, Frederick, Alfred and Philip are in H.M. Navy, George is in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, Herbert in the Royal Corps of Signals and Charles is with The Buffs, the Navy and Army having made equal claims upon the patriotism of the six brothers.

This is not surprising as their father has served in both the Navy and the Army. Joining the senior service in January, 1899, he was discharged in 1908 with the rank of acting leading seaman, gunlayer first class. Volunteering for service with Trinity House in August, 1914, Mr. Tift was stationed on the lightship Royal Sovereign for three months before he joined the Royal Garrison Artillery and was employed until May, 1915, in training Kitchener's recruits in heavy gunnery. He was then posted to the King's Royal Regiment, with whom he remained until December, 1917, when he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. During the four years in which he served in France, Mr. Tift, who was demobilised in March, 1919, was awarded the Military Medal and twice mentioned in despatches.

His sons are now hoping in this war to emulate their father's record in the last war.

NO RIFLES FOR N.F.S.

BUT COUNCILLOR THOUGHT IT A GOOD IDEA

A suggestion that the members of the National Fire Service should be trained in the use of arms was made by Councillor G. W. Caffell at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee stated that a circular had been received from the Regional Commissioner as to the application in the region of a scheme of co-operation between the Civil Defence Service and the Home Guard.

Councillor Caffell asked if it was revealed in the circular whether the N.F.S. were to be trained in the use of arms, and so to link up with the Home Guard in the event of an emergency arising. It seemed a pity that many of the young men in the N.F.S. did not know the butt of a rifle from the barrel. If it came to the use of arms surely they should get support from such a body of men.

Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said that from his reading of the circular the suggestions of Councillor Caffell did not apply.

UNOCCUPIED HOMES

COUNCIL FIX RENTS

Ramsgate Town Council have had under consideration the question of arrears of rent in respect of their various housing estates, particularly the cases of tenants evacuated from Ramsgate whose furniture remains in the houses, and have authorised the Borough Treasurer, Mr. H. Oliver Jones, to deal with the matter.

From 6th April the weekly rents of Council houses unoccupied but remaining wholly or partially occupied have been fixed at 3s. 6d. maisonettes, 5s. non-parlour type, 6s. 6d. parlour type.

POLICE BREAK IN

MORE LIGHTING OFFENDERS AT RAMSGATE

For a second offence under the Lighting Restrictions Order, Wallace J. Sherrington, aged 61, shopfitter, of Cecilia-road was fined £3 at Ramsgate police court on Thursday.

W/R Langridge said that at 8.30 p.m. on 18th March he saw a light shining across Broad-street from the premises of F. J. Pike Ltd., shopfitters. The light came from a 60-watt bulb and was shining through an unscreened window. As he was unable to make anyone hear he forced an entry and extinguished the light. Later he saw defendant, who said "We had the light on in the afternoon for some work and when I left the premises at 5.30 p.m. I did not realise the light was still on. I accept full responsibility."

Defendant said the lights were usually switched off at the main.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said that on 30th September, 1940, defendant was fined £2 for a similar offence.

"It shows carelessness on your part," said the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry), announcing the decision of the bench.

Mrs. Augusta Mary Gertrude Glover, aged 67, of Nelson-crescent, was summoned for a similar offence on 21st March.

W/R Clark said he saw a light shining from defendant's flat at 9.55 p.m. He knocked without getting a reply. He then went to the basement and smashed a small panel in the door but was unable to force an inner door. He evetally managed to force an entry at the back of the house and going upstairs found the light was coming from an oil lamp. When he saw defendant the following day she said "I'm sorry. I forgot it. I always turn it out." Defendant complained of the damage to the house but Sgt. Rogers, who accompanied witness, pointed out to her that she had jeopardised the lives of people living in the district.

Defendant told the magistrates she thought she had extinguished the lamp. The police left the house open and anyone could have got in. The person who found the house open thought burglars were inside.

Defendant was fined 30s.

SAVED FROM SINGAPORE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaw, of the Albert Inn, High-street, Ramsgate, have received a cablegram from their son A/C Arnold Shaw, R.A.F., informing them that he is safe after having been on service at Singapore.

A member of the Ramsgate schoolboys' football team which reached the English Shield divisional final, A/C Shaw, who is 22 years of age, joined the R.A.F. as a mechanic soon after the outbreak of war, having previously been employed by Messrs. Claxton and Co., shipwrights.

A similar cablegram has been received by Mrs. Pay, of Dumpton Park-drive, Ramsgate, announcing the safety of her husband, Sgt. E. N. Pay, R.A.F., who was also serving at Singapore. Sgt. Pay is well-known as one of Thanet's leading table tennis players and was a member of the team which won the Thanet championship for the Cliftonville Club. His wife is now employed in the Southern Railway parcels office at Margate Station.

SAVING ON FIRE SERVICE

Local authorities are to be relieved of a number of financial functions they have been carrying out as agents of the Home Office in connection with the National Fire Service.

At Ramsgate the Borough Treasurer, Mr. H. Oliver Jones, reporting to the Council on his negotiations with the Home Office regarding the amount of the standard year's expenditure on which the Council's annual contribution of 75 per cent. to the N.F.S. will be based, announced that he had suceeded in agreeing a reduced figure of £2,016 as the year's standard expenditure.

A TALL ORDER

BUT THE COUNCIL TACKLE IT

A protest against the making of regulations which, he claimed, it was impossible to enforce, was made by Councillor the Rev. Harcout Samuel at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The Regional Commissioner recently sought the opinion of the Council as to the desirability of applying the Fire Precautions (Residential Buildings) Order, 1942, to the borough and the Fire Guard Committee expressed the view that the Order should be applied in its entirety.

Article 3 of the Order states: "Immediately inside or immediately outside the main door or, if there is only one door, the door of a dwelling, there should be not less than four gallons of water in a container or containers which are readily portable when full and which can readily be used with a stirrup pump, or, if there is more than one container, one of which can readily be so used."

Whitehall Jargon.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel said there had been some discussion between the Regional Authority and the Fire Guard Committee as to the Order but he did not think there had been sufficient discussion or consideration. He concluded that the words "container or containers" were Whitehall jargon for a pail. Where could they get pails? Ramsgate was depopulated. He trembled to think of the task someone would have of getting into touch with the hundreds of owners of empty houses. The committee had gaily come to the conclusion that they should request that the Order should be applied in its entirety to the borough. There was nothing more absurd than the making of laws which could not be enforced. They had previously had some regulations which were difficult of enforcement. Then the people who made the regulations ran away from them. He moved that the matter be referred back for further consideration.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor F. C. Miller said that in making such regulations people concerned did not seem to have any understanding of the different types of houses which existed. Could they imagine the Order applied to a place like Montague-road, which had no forecourts. The containers could not very well be left on the pavement outside and when they entered the front door of the houses they were in the living-room.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said the trouble with the people who made the regulations was that they expected conditions to be the same in every area.

Councillor J. Martin said the difficulty would be to get pails. He thought old petrol tins or some other such containers should be supplied.

The Mayor: We have thrown the onus on the Regional Commissioner.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel: I do not agree. You are asking the Regional Commisioner to make the regulations.

Pails that Disappear.

Alderman W. Hawkins said he had known people who had provided pails and in some remarkable way they had disappeared. In one road three pails disappeared and only one was recovered. If a householder provided a pail and some evilly disposed person took it away was the householder liable or not?

Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of the Fire Guard Committee, said the position the Council were in was that the Regional Commissioner asked them whether or not they considered that the Order should be applied to this area. They took all these little details into consideration in pondering their answer. Could they take on their shoulders the responsibility for advising the Regional Commissioner that the town was not in such a serious position as to demand the application of such precautionary measures? If they did so they would ill-deserve the title of "City Fathers." Apparently everyone agreed that the Order should be applied and the only criticism was the difficulty in carrying it out. It was extraordinary what could be done if people had the will to do it. If people really wanted to provide water for fire-fighting they would do so and he asked the Council to say that was the normal plain commonsense thing to do in war-time. He thought the time had arrived when everyone should be made responsible for fire-fighting at their own premises. If the Council made an endeavour to carry out the Order they could be sure they would not be sent to prison because they had failed.

The amendment was defeated and the committee's recommendation adopted.

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COUNCIL AND PETROL CONSUMPTION

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The report of the General Purposes Committee, to be presented at a meeting of the Council to-morrow, states that the Committee considered the question of the petrol consumption by motor vehicles, other than whole-time Civil Defence vehicles, under the Surveyor's control, and the Clerk reported that the monthly returns received from the Surveyor showed that the quantity of petrol consumed by the vehicles is less than the permitted consumption.

The Committee recommended that the Surveyor should be directed to submit to them a monthly report on the petrol consumption of the vehicles.

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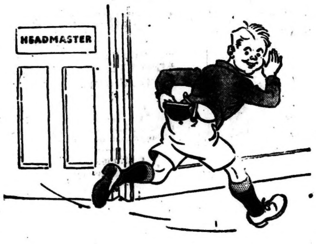

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47-HOUR WEEK

COUNCIL AND EMPLOYEES AGREE

The first recommendation presented to Ramsgate Town Council by the new joint committee consisting of members of the Council and Corporation employees advocates the adoption by the Council of a 47-hour week for manual workers (other than shift workers) in non-trading departments, exclusive of meal times.

The joint committee recommended that the 47-hour week should come into operation as from the day following its approval by the Council.

The proposal has been approved by the Works Committee and the Council are being asked by the Finance Committee to adopt it for all appropriate departments to-day.

SUNDAY CINEMA ALLOCATIONS

The Finance Committee of Broadstairs Council have recommended that the amount which will be available up to and including 31st March for distribution to charitable organisations as a result of the Sunday opening of Broadstairs Picture House, under the provisions of the Sunday Entertainment Act, should be divided between Ramsgate and District Tuberculosis After-Care Committee, the Broadstairs Section of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Sparrows, Ramsgate and Margate Hospitals, Thanet Rescue Society, Margate and Broadstairs Police Committee Mission Fund and the Cinematograph Trade Benevolent Fund.

THE SELF-STARTER

The starter, even when the engine fires the first time the switch is operated, is the largest consumer of current the battery supplies, taking as much as 10 to 20 times the amount of current required by the rest of the car's electrical equipment, if all were switched on at the same time. It is plain, therefore, that a rapid discharge of the battery will result if a quick start cannot readily be made, and to avoid the possibility of this happening the starter should always be kept in perfect condition.

Operate the starter switch firmly, and be quick to release it the moment the engine fires. Do not repeatedly operate the switch if the engine will not start, but re-adjust the controls and try again; if this fails, try and find out why the engine will not start, looking specially for obvious faults in the petrol and ignition systems. On no account operate the starter when the engine is still revolving, but always allow it to come to rest before operating the switch again.

Periodical attention given to the starter will often eliminate the probable cause of serious trouble. The commutator should be clean, oil and dirt free, and appear highly polished; this is easily accomplished by pressing a petrol-moistened duster against it while the starter is rotated by hand. The brush springs should be held back and the flexible connectors gently pulled to ascertain whether the brushes are free to move. Remove all those inclined to stick and clean with a petrol-mostened cloth, taking great care to replace them in their original positions in order to retain correct "bedding." Brushes too worn to bear correctly on the commutator should be replaced and properly "bedded" by your local Lucas Service Depot.

Should you require advice on any matter concerning the starter, or perhaps some other part of the electrical equipment, you will find that any of the 500 Lucas Agents and Service Depots will be happy to advise you.

This Week's Complete Story

BY LIGHT OF DAY

By THOMAS H. CLAYTON

Nurse Holmes swung into the ward, bright of eye, smart of uniform, exuding efficiency. She was a small girl, firmly built, and the fading light of day did nothing to detract from her freshness. Confident, yet of serious mien, she took over her duties from the day nurse, and quickly became absorbed in the various lists before her.

Tasks to be performed during the night. The day's arrivals. To-morrow's departures. . . . She frowned suddenly and a look of pain crossed her features. Recovering rapidly, she commenced her duties by shading the one remaining light in the ward. Its dim rays seemed to soothe her, and she moved quickly but silently, collecting instruments for sterilisation.

The patients seemed part of the ward, like the beds—silent and still. Deftly she immersed the heaped instruments into boiling water, and lifting her head, allowed her glance to stray to the end of the ward. The light scarcely penetrated, but she could see him. He was lying on his side, looking straight at her. She walked slowly towards his bed.

Two patients she passed were wide awake, their eyes gleaming brightly against the pallor of their faces. Neither smiled. They both knew, indeed the whole ward knew. For Nurse Holmes had made no secret of her love. Newcomers were quickly informed by the old patients, and whilst there had been gentle banter at first, there was no laughter now, for the ward realised as one, that it was in the presence of what it chose to call "the real thing." It considered, too, that Joe Flint, of the end bed, had lived the luckiest day of his life, when a vicious, whipping, broken machine belt had coiled round his leg and snapped it like a match.

Nurse Holmes halted at his bedside and smiled gently down at him. His hand stole out from under the coverlet and closed over hers.

"You are going to-morrow, then," she half questioned him, as though he would deny it.

His voice, although hushed, seemed strangely harsh to her soft country burr.

"Only two days earlier than we expected," he reminded her, pulling her hand closer. He was half fearful of any outward display of emotion on her part. Many of her heartfelt declarations of devotion left him wriggling with embarrassment. After all he was Joe Flint, from the works, accustomed to men and the ways of men, and his few excursions into the fields of ardour had left him singularly unmoved.

Flattered Vanity.

It had pleased his vanity tremendously, therefore, when he had perceived that Nurse Holmes had—in his own argot—fallen. A clergyman's daughter and a nurse at that! His girl! The thought gave him profound satisfaction. The early, half whispered conversations under the cloak of darkness had intrigued him, and offset the unaccustomed discipline of the daytime. He found himself watching the clock, after a short stay, waiting for her to appear, and had terrific mental battles with himself, in attempts to discover whether his outlook had changed, or whether his accident had altered the shape of his mind as well as the shape of his leg.

Yet he would have reared in indignation had anyone denied him the right to her affections.

He thought of that now, and muttered fiercely.

"It ain't going to make any difference to our arrangements."

She shuddered imperceptibly. The twitching of his lips was ecstasy to her, and she loved to fondle his crinkly fair hair, but his speech still caused her faint tremors.

"No, it isn't," she answered, unconsciously correcting him, and added swiftly, "It mustn't, oh, it mustn't ever!"

She bent low over him.

"We must keep to all our plans. The things we have promised each other must come true. All our hopes and dreams must materialise."

"Softer," he admonished. "You'll wake 'em all up."

But Nurse Holmes was in the grip of a new emotional fervour. She was spending her last night with her lover. He was being torn from her grasp by a cruel fate. The fact that they were meeting on her next half-day seemed to escape her.

"Sometimes I wish they would never wake," she ran on, "and you and I could remain like this for ever. Whispering our sweet revelations under cover of darkness."

These passionate outbursts into realms of fancy left him at a loss for adequate reply. If she left him a clear field he could make things go with a swing. She had difficulty in stifling her laughter at his rapid fire repartee. His cool, frank commentary on her appearance always excited her.

Yet Joe Flint was considerably stirred. To feel her lips resting gently on his own, with her two cool hands fluttering round his face, sent his heart pumping against his ribs. He felt more than compensated for what he suffered when she reminded him of one of the heroines in a novel from the hospital library; and if, when she called him Joseph, he immediately conjured up a vision of an irate and bespectacled teacher of his school days, he assured himself that it was a matter of taking the rough with the smooth.

They had discussed their proposed meeting for two weeks now and although it had been mutually understood that they should spend an afternoon in each other's company, the means of occupying the golden hours had not arisen until the previous night. Joe suggested blandly that they should go to the pictures. Bit awkward being in the afternoon, though. Made you blink coming out of the pictures into daylight, and always reminded you of the afternoon you went, years ago, when you should have been at school. It was unfair, too. After all, the whole idea of taking a girl to the pictures was to wait for those delicious moments—far superior to those in the cinema—when you saw your girl home to her front door—or, better still, back entrance—and collected toll, by way of transferring her lipstick to your own lips, and her face powder to your shoulder.

The Rendezvous.

He had been both pleased and bewildered then, when she had voiced her disappointment at his choice, and hastily changed the subject when she suggested walks in the park. He had changed it albeit knowing that it would recur, and knowing, too, that she would have her own way.

He watched her now as she glided across the ward to answer a call from a thirsty patient. She walked with an easy grace which pleased him immensely. Again he reflected that the ladies of his acquaintance affected a distinct swaying of the hips, in the belief that they emulated their favourite film star. They did it to attract, and Nurse Holmes didn't care tuppence about attracting anyone. Breeding and culture were words outside Joe's vocabulary, yet he was quick to recognise them. She came towards him smiling brightly. He noted her well-kept, gleaming teeth, her small lips as yet unsullied by rouge, her ruddy cheeks which knew no cosmetics, the set of her head and shoulders.

"Time is flying," she sighed, "on wings. Bearing away our golden moments. Bringing us nearer to our parting gulf."

"That's only until Thursday," he told her stoutly. "Three o'clock will soon come round, and we'll go anywhere you like—even walk in the park," he added with an air of gallantry.

"And I will help you to walk," she countered excitedly. "Your stick on one side, and I on the other. We'll walk through the wood and witness the birth of spring. We shall see the flowers peeping out of the earth, and know that they are starting a new life even as we are. I must fly now. Sister will soon be here. Call me by name before I go."

He took a deep breath and kissed her.

"Evelyn, I love you," he said unexpectedly, and hoisted himself to wave to her as she fled through the swing doors.

Mutual Recognition.

His mother wakened him late on the morning of the Thursday, with the biting observation that he looked a bit better tempered. He found his enforced convalescence irksome. Study of the football and racing news lacked its usual thrill, through lack of necessary finance to back his fancies. Visits to the billiards hall only made him irritable because his stiff leg prevented his playing. Nurse Holmes had made matters worse by visiting his house in person, in order to leave a note.

Good fortune, she wrote, had enabled her to bring the appointment forward an hour. She could have posted the letter, she knew; but she felt that such an opportunity to be so near him could not be passed by. Silly of her, wasn't it?

Yes, it was. Darned silly. Coming here. His sister had already guessed what was in the wind. He could almost hear her cackling away with the other hens at the factory. He felt his mother's eyes on him as she came into the kitchen.

"Going to a party?" she questioned acidly.

"Can't I wear me best without that sort of talk?" he asked savagely.

"Your shoes are dirty," his mother told him.

"I can clean 'em," he retorted, and did so by the process of stropping them on the backs of his trouser legs. It was necessary to support himself on the table to stand on his recently repaired limb, and the action gave him a renewed reminder of the note he had received.

"Bring a stick," she had suggested, "and although I shall not be in uniform, I can act nurse to my patient."

Oh, could she. What did she think he was. A wounded soldier? If he fell over, he fell over, and Lord help anyone who tried to pick him up.

He limped out of the house and walked towards the park.

Here he wandered idly in the entrance, smoking and watching the hopping sparrows. The trees were beginning to take on a firm green foliage, and here and there he could see a flower peeping above the grass.

It looked all right, but for the life of him he couldn't see why she wanted to make such a fuss about it.

Halfway through lighting one cigarette from another, he stopped, hearing a footstep behind him.

Turning, still with his cupped hands shielding his cigarette from the wind, he looked at the person confronting him. His look became a prolonged stare.

It was Nurse Holmes, and the only part of her which prevented her from being a total stranger was her face, which was now flushing a dull crimson.

Her hat reminded him of his mother's. A flat, big, trimmed affair with imitation fruit in the front. And those shoes! He tried to visualise his sister swopping her court-lizards for them. Huge they were. Thick soled, low heeled and with flaps on 'em.

He observed her flushed face and instantly crimsoned himself. So far neither had spoken. She brought her hands from behind her back and nervously twirled a parasol before his fascinated eyes.

"I came to say, I couldn't stay," she lied miserably.

He puffed vigorously at his cigarette. They were both acutely embarrassed.

"That's all right," he jerked out. "I can't, either."

Each stared at the other, waiting for a move.

"Well," he said at length, still taking refuge in violent puffs at his cigarette. "Better be going, I suppose."

It seemed to be the signal for the departure of pretence, and the recognition of reality. Her parasol ceased to swing, and with a small, thin cry of distress, she turned and ran from him.

He watched her flight open mouthed. His astonished eyes saw her run in the direction of the wooded trees, and as he turned on his heel, he gave vent standing undetermined for a moment, to a deep sigh of relief.

He could still see her from outside. She was seated on the grass by a tree. She seemed to be looking at the ground, probably at a flower.

She was, but she couldn't see a flower. She could see a person she had never known. That hat—which he had so signally failed to raise! At such an angle it had fascinated her. She had waited breathlessly for it to fall off. She had ached to pluck the cigarette from his mouth. But his tie! She thought that purple ties with brilliant spots were the exclusive property of red-nosed comedians. And the shoes! One could almost perform an operation with such pointed toes.

She suddenly plucked the flower, inhaled its scent, held her breath, and then released a deep sigh of relief.

THE END

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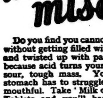

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ST. PETER'S COLLISION

GAS WORKS DRIVER FINED

For driving without due care and attention, Ernest Leslie Bing, of Beacon-road, St. Peter's, an employee at St. Peter's Gas Works, was fined £1 and ordered to pay 12s. 6d. costs at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, last week.

The proceedings were the sequel to an accident at Church-street, St. Peter's, on 24th February, when a lorry driven by defendant from a private drive into the main road came into collision with a petrol tanker driven by Sidney John Richards, of Westwood-road, Broadstairs.

Richards said he was three feet from the nearside kerb and about 20 feet from the private road when he first saw the lorry. He swerved to the offside but could not avoid the collision.

Defendant, who was represented by Mr. E. C. Allfree, said his view was partly obscured by a row of houses and a hedge. When he saw the top of the cab of the tanker he applied his brakes and stopped almost immediately. He had been driving for 19 years and had never before been in trouble.

Announcing the decision of the magistrates, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Millar) said he was being dealt with leniently in view of his good record.

MUSIC AND MYSTERY

EASTER WEEK AT ODEON

A happy selection of films has been made for Easter Week at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate.

Two star features are being presented to-day and to-morrow.

The story of history's wickedest boom town, "Badlands of Dakota" depicts the burning of Deadwood, the robbery of the famous Deadwood Stage, the most held-up vehicle in the world, the charge of General Custer's famous Seventh Cavalry and the discovery of gold in the Black Hills country. Robert Stack and Ann Rutherford head the cast. The second feature, "Charlie Chan in Rio," stars Sidney Toler and Mary Beth Hughes. Chan meets his most deadly adversary—a fascinating woman. Amidst the splendour of sun-kissed Rio, Charlie brings into play his newest device, an amazing "truth" cigarette, which solves the murder in an unusual manner.

Sonja Henie's first picture for some considerable time, "Sun Valley Serenade," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week, is a gay romantic musical set against the beautiful background of the famous resort, with spectacularly staged scenes of exquisite skating provided by Sonja and a large chorus. For the first time in screen history black ice has been used. This gives a vivid and unique reflection of the skaters, who are dressed in pure white costumes in complete contrast. John Payne, who recently leapt to stardom, has the top male lead opposite Miss Henie, and gay music is played by Glenn Miller and his Orchestra, rated America's No. 1 Band. Zane Grey's "Riders of the Purple Sage," with George Montgomery, will also be screened.

MARGATE FIREMEN

WIN N.F.S. CUP

At St. Luke's ground, Ramsgate, last week, Margate company of the N.F.S. won the inter-company football competition of D Division, defeating Deal company by one goal to nil.

G. Robertson, captain of the Margate side, scored the only goal in the second half of the game.

Divisional Officer L. G. Denne kicked off and afterwards presented the cup.

Margate were represented by Wanstall; White and Anderson; Smith, Robertson and Penfold; Elson, Wright, Saxby, Stirrups and Jones.

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St. Peter's Brothers Missing

FAMILY'S RECORD OF SERVICE

Two St. Peter's brothers, serving together in the Royal Artillery, have been posted missing following the fall of Singapore.

They are Gnr. Francis Peter Turrell and Gnr. Robert Sidney Turrell, sons of Mrs. R. E. Turrell, of 235 Beacon-road, St. Peter's.

Robert, who is 20 years of age, joined the Army when he was 15 and was drafted to the Far East in December, 1937. Francis, who is two years older, joined the Royal Artillery shortly before the outbreak of war and served in Shanghai and Hong Kong before being posted to Singapore, where his brother was already serving.

Mrs. Turrell has three more sons serving in the Forces. They are Dvr. C. A. Turrell, R.A.S.C., Cpl. E. E. Turrell, R.A.F., and Gnr. A. F. Turrell, R.A.

The boys attended St. Peter's School and all were members of St. Peter's Church choir.

FORMER GROCERS' PRESIDENT

DEATH OF MR. W. G. TODD

A former president of the Thanet Grocers' Association, Mr. William George Todd has passed away at the home of his cousin, Mr. F. Ardley, of 25 Upper Dane-road, Margate.

Mr. Todd, who was 55 years of age, had been ill for the past year and spent the last six months in hospital.

A native of Westgate, Mr. Todd was apprenticed to a firm of grocers in the town and later acted as a grocer's salesman in Margate and London. In 1919 he joined his father-in-law, Mr. H. Hobday, in the grocery trade, and about 12 years ago took over the business in High-street, Margate.

During the last war Mr. Todd served with the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment and was badly wounded. He was a member of the North Foreland Golf Club.

The funeral service took place at St. John's Church, Margate, last week, when the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Beckingham) officiated. Mourners present were Mrs. Todd (widow), Mr. C. H. Todd (brother), Miss Todd (sister) Mr. and Mrs. F. Ardley (cousins), Mr. C. H. Beaumont, Mr. N. Baker, Mr. F. McArthy, and Mr. Fisher (friends).

The president (Mr. F. Drayson), secretary (Mr. E. E. Woodward), Mr. W. Mayes (Ramsgate), and several other members of the Grocers' Association were present.

Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the Grocers' Association.

TEMPLAR CONCERT

In aid of the funds of the Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage, Sunbury-on-Thames, a concert was given by members and friends of the Diamond Jubilee Juvenile Temple at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

The programme opened with a march and chorus and musical numbers were contributed to by Pat Whibley, June Whiting, Cynthia Bowers, Dorothy Warner, Audrey Rand, T. Turner, Ethel Emms, Audrey Ballard, Jean Taylor, Brian Ballard and Eileen Warner.

Recitations were given by Audrey Ballard and Pat Whibley, and those taking part in a play entitled "The Golden Seam" were Audrey Ballard, Ethel Emms, Mary Baker, Connie Baker, Audrey Rand, June Hosken, June Whiting, Pat Whibley, Cynthia Bowers and Jean Taylor.

The concert reflected great credit on Mrs. L. A. Ware and Mrs. A. Hawes, who had trained the children.

COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A WARSHIP WEEK ATTRACTION

Sir,—Some of your readers may be interested to hear that a fine model of a Ramsgate sailing trawler was on exhibition in a shop window of the little Hampshire town of Fleet during Warship Week, 21st—28th March, and it was a great attraction.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE

AWARD TO SGT. M. W. WHITTINGTON

The home equivalent to being mentioned in despatches, the Certificate of Meritorious Service and Devotion to Duty has been awarded to Sgt. Morris William Whittington, R.A., of Hillston, Bowes-avenue, Margate.

Thirty-six years of age, Sgt. Whittington, an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, was before the war a commercial artist in Margate. He was a member of the local Territorial battery of the Royal Artillery.

Some years ago Sgt. Whittington played football for Margate Town and he is well known in Thanet table tennis circles.

Sgt. Whittington's wife, formerly Miss Lena Hills of Broadstairs, is at present living at Ickenham, Middlesex, with their three-year-old son.

COURAGE AND GOOD SERVICE

D.S.M. FOR MARGATE MAN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Denby, formerly of Danesmead-terrace, Margate, Chief Petty Officer Charles T. Denby, R.N., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Notification of the award received by his wife, who is now living at Croydon, states that it has been made "for courage and good services at Suda and the Libyan coast and during several air attacks."

Since August, 1939, C/P/O Denby has been serving on the China station and in the Mediterranean. He is now on his way home.

MAIN TUNNEL DRAINAGE

A Ministry of Health inspector, after visiting Ramsgate to discuss with the Borough Engineer the Council's scheme to provide main drainage in the main tunnel shelter at a cost of £2,700, suggested that the sanitary facilities could be considerably improved at a comparatively nominal cost.

The Civil Defence Committee, at a meeting on 3rd March, agreed with the inspector's suggestions but at a subsequent meeting on 24th March, having discussed the position again with the Borough Engineer "in the light of conditions which might reasonably be anticipated in the event of large scale use of the shelter during a blitz period or for other reasons," the committee felt the Ministry should be asked as a matter of urgency to approve the original £2,700 scheme.

VERDICT AGAINST THE HORSE

Having, at the request of the Finance Committee, reviewed the question of buying a horse, the Works Committee of Ramsgate Council have come to the conclusion that it would be more advantageous to utilise mechanical transport entirely.

The Finance Committee have accordingly agreed that the Works Committee should be authorised to purchase five new or reconditioned lorries.

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THIS WEEK'S FOOD FACTS

The plus bread

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YORKSHIRE PUDDING
(*without baking powder*)

Time: Preparation 10 minutes. Cooking 20-30 minutes. *Ingredients:* 4 oz. wheatmeal flour, ¼ teaspoonful salt, ½ pint milk. *Quantity* 4 helpings. *Method:* Mix flour and salt, make a well in the middle and pour in a third of the milk, beat well, add rest of milk, stand for an hour and pour into a tin containing smoking hot dripping. Bake in a hot oven (450°F. or Regulo 7) for 20-30 minutes.

WHEATMEAL SCONES

Time: Preparation 5 minutes. Cooking 10 minutes. *Ingredients:* 4 oz. wheatmeal flour, 4 oz. mashed, cooked potato, 1 oz. fat, ½ teaspoonful of salt, 1 oz. sultanas or currants, 1 small teacupful 'household' milk. *Quantity:* 12-16 scones. *Method:* Mix flour and salt. Rub fat into flour, add mashed potato, mix into a soft dough with the milk. Roll out to ½ in. thickness, cut into rounds. Cook in a hot oven for 10 minutes.

POTATO PASTRY

Time: Preparation 6 minutes. Cooking 30 minutes. *Ingredients:* 8 oz. wheatmeal flour, 4 oz. mashed cooked potato, 2 oz. fat, ½ teaspoonful salt, 2 tablespoonfuls water. *Quantity:* 4-6 helpings. *Method:* Cream fat and potatoes, work in flour, salt, and water to form a stiff paste. Use for pastry cases, flans, pie coverings, etc.

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FOOD FACTS No. 89

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MRS. PHILLIPS STAYS AWAY

MEANS INQUIRY SUMMONS ADJOURNED

Margate magistrates on Wednesday adjourned for a week a summons brought by the Chief Sanitary Inspector (Mr. J. Rattray) against Mrs. Daisy M. Phillips, of Price's-avenue, Margate, for an inquiry into her means in consequence of not having complied with a judgment against her to pay a civil debt and costs amounting to £11 1s. 4d.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) said the case was brought in order to give effect to an order of the court dated 26th June, 1940, when Mrs. Phillips was ordered to pay a civil debt of £10 6s. 10d., plus costs, in one month. No attempt was made to pay the debt and subsequently a distress warrant was issued, dated 1st January. This was returned marked "No goods." A judgment summons had now been served and it was competent for the court to commit her to prison for non-payment.

The Town Clerk said there had been an objection raised that the summons was in the wrong name. It was in the name of Daisy Marguerite Phillips, but defendant had stated that her correct name was Marguerite Alice Phillips. Although he believed that was so, he had letters from her signed by Daisy M. A. Phillips.

In defendant's absence, said the Town Clerk, it was awkward to prove that she had the means to pay. In July, 1939, she made application for an Anderson shelter but the enumerator marked the application "Not eligible," and as defendant raised no objection to that it could be assumed that at that time her income was not less than £250 per annum.

"Defendant is well known to your worships and she is obviously a woman of means," went on the Town Clerk. "Each day she and her son partake of meals at a cafe, and she lives in a house with a rateable value of £40 per annum. I think it can be assumed that her income is sufficient to make some real attempt to pay this debt."

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) pointed out that that was not evidence of means and remarked that it was not defendant's habit to refrain from attending court.

The Town Clerk. No. She is usually here, charged with the latest law on the subject.

On the application of the Town Clerk, the bench amended the name on the summons to Marguerite Alice Phillips.

"JUNK" MOTOR CYCLE

SOUTH AFRICAN SUMMONED AT MARGATE

Gnr. Cecil Hersch, a South African, who came to England to join the Forces, was summoned at Margate police court on Wednesday for using a motor cycle at Birchington without being insured and for using it in a restricted area without a permit.

P/C Munns said he saw a motor cycle in Cliff-road, Birchington, on 10th March, standing against the kerb. Defendant, who was in a nearby house, produced an insurance certificate which expired in September, 1941. He said he only received the machine two days previously and that was his first trip. He fully intended to insure it. He said he had a permit when previously stationed in Birchington in 1940. He was unable to produce it, however, and referred witness to his commanding officer.

Witness later saw the commanding officer, who confirmed that a permit was issued to defendant, but explained that under a regimental order made in May, 1941, all permits had to be surrendered. When witness reminded defendant of this he said "I recollect the order and must have surrendered it."

Defendant told the bench that he was given permission to bring the machine with him when he moved to the district but it was with the rear party and was sent to the wrong billet. He only received it two days before being stopped and was trying it out. He thought the old permit still held good.

An officer said the machine, an old one, was almost junk but defendant borrowed some petrol from an officer and made it go again.

Chief Inspr. Fleet said the machine had since been immobilised and the parts surrendered to the police. Defendant's commanding officer had given him permission to take the machine round with him when moved.

The bench dismissed both cases with a caution.

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DEATH OF MR. J. E. WOODS

Mr. John Ernest Woods, who carried on business as a stationer at Westgate for many years, passed away at his home, Penshurst, Linden-avenue, Westgate, last week, at the age of 63 years.

Mr. Woods opened the business when he came from Canterbury to Westgate in 1914 and he produced the first Westgate guide. He sold the business in 1925 but he continued to work there for a number of years and was afterwards Westgate agent for a firm of chartered accountants.

Up to the time of his death Mr. Woods was secretary of the Westgate Club and during the last war was secretary of Westgate Tradesmen's Association. From the time of its formation until it was wound up in 1930, Mr. Woods was secretary of Westgate Operatic Society.

Since the beginning of the war Mr. Woods has been serving as an air raid warden. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

WAR-TIME DARTS LEAGUE

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club, on Tuesday, when a darts match was played between the Oddfellows, winners of the War-time Darts League, and "The Rest." There were some very close games, "The Rest" winning 6—3.

During an interval a brief summary of the formation and progress of the league was given by the secretary, Mr. J. T. Lewis, who also congratulated the teams on the sportsmanship which had prevailed throughout and on the splendid evenings they had all spent together.

A certicate was presented to the captain of the Oddfellows by Mr. O. Spain. To finish the evening a concert was provided by members of the teams.

NOT ALONE

MAYOR OF GUILDFORD PROMISES SUPPORT FOR RAMSGATE

Ramsgate having been adopted by Guildford, the Mayor of Guildford, Alderman V. G. Wilkinson, paid a visit on Wednesday to see for himself how the town of his adoption has suffered during the war.

Accompanied by his secretary, Mr. G. E. T. Futter, and the Guildford Borough Electrical Engineer, Mr. W. E. Affleck, Alderman Wilkinson was welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe, and borough officials.

After visiting some of the heavily bombed areas, Alderman Wilkinson also made a tour of the deep tunnel shelters. While sympathising deeply with the townspeople in their sufferings, the Mayor envied Ramsgate its tunnel shelters as had a similar scheme at Guildford received Government approval the town would have been in a position after the war to relieve main road traffic congestion by way of an underground thoroughfare.

Following lunch at Clarendon House, the Mayor of Ramsgate, proposing the toast of the Mayor and Borough of Guildford, explained that when he went to Guildford to address a series of meetings he received every courtesy and kindness from the Mayor and his assistants. Had it not been for their kindly interest his visit might not have been as successful as it was.

From a few words he had said to Alderman Wilkinson about the plight of Ramsgate grew the idea that Guildford should adopt the poorer borough. "We have had a rough trip here," said the Mayor, "but we have not got our chins down because of it, far from it, and we are very much bucked up by the fact that Guildford is going to do what it can for us through our troublesome period."

Council's Foresight.

Replying on behalf of the borough of Guildford, Alderman Wilkinson said his visit that day was due to the excellent way in which Alderman Kempe had conveyed to the people of Guildford what the people of Ramsgate had been through. As a spontaneous result of the Mayor of Ramsgate's visit Guildford people responded, as he knew they would, by doing what they could in a very short space of time to show the people of Ramsgate that they were not alone in their terrible hardship.

"I have come to make myself acquainted with Ramsgate," said Alderman Wilkinson, "and to find out the best possible way in which we can assist you. I have seen for myself what the conditions must have been and I should like to congratulate you upon the splendid spirit of the people in such experiences. That, no doubt, is due in no small measure to the way in which the Mayor and Corporation had prepared their services for what ultimately happened."

Alderman Wilkinson particularly congratulated the Corporation upon the fact that in spite of official discouragement they had persisted and had obtained permission to carry out their deep tunnel shelter scheme. They were not so fortunate in Guildford and had only been able partially to complete a scheme which would have been as valuable to that town as Ramsgate's scheme had undoubtedly been to the people of Ramsgate.

"I do hope," concluded the Mayor of Guildford, "that we shall be able to give the people of Ramsgate considerable assistance and do what we can to show them they are not alone."

OFFICIALS' WAR BONUS

NEW FLAT-RATE SCHEME

A new cost of living bonus scheme for officials was approved by Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The new scheme provides for flat-rate increases instead of the present percentage scheme.

To apply from 1st April to all members of the permanent administrative, technical and clerical services, the new bonus rate is:

Junior officers under 21 years of age—6s. 6d. a week male, 5s. female;

Adult officers whose normal remuneration does not exceed £500 a year (excluding present bonus)—13s. a week male, 10s. female;

Adult male and female officers whose normal remuneration exceeds £500 a year—40s. a month.

The bonus does not apply to members in H.M. Forces or in work of national importance to whom the Council make up the difference in pay, or to temporary staff where the salary fixed allowed for the existing cost of living.

Where man and wife are both in the employ of the Council the bonus is payable to one person only.

No officer is to receive a less bonus under the terms of the recommendation than under the previous scheme.

The bonus is to be regarded as "a temporary payment intended to assist in meeting the increased cost of living owing to the war, and shall be recognised as due to and dependent upon the existence of the abnormal conditions now prevailing."

SHIPPING SPACE—

AND UNDERSTANDING AMERICA

In connection with a scheme for the promotion of genuine understanding between the people of this country and the United States, Ramsgate Library Committee have been asked by the National Central Library to consider the inclusion in the library of books by Americans.

Provided books of the type suggested can be obtained in this country, the Library Committee, being in sympathy with the scheme, have authorised the chairman (Alderman W. Hawkins) and the Librarian to spend up to £10 on them.

The Library Committee have intimated to the National Central Library, however, that they are not prepared to co-operate in any scheme which would involve the use of valuable shipping space to bring books from America.

MARGATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Married at Maxey Parish Church, near Peterborough, in 1892, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ernest Setterfield, of 130 Eaton-road, Margate, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week.

Mr. Setterfield, who is 70 years of age, still carries on business as a nurseryman at Manston-road. During the last war he was a special constable and received a diploma from the Royal Horticultural Society for patriotic voluntary service in connection with food production.

Mr. Setterfield's father, the late Mr. J. Setterfield, built Setterfield-road, Margate.

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MUSIC AND ROMANCE

STARS AT THE KING'S

Music and romance are to be found in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Chief feature to-day and to-morrow is "Time Out for Rhythm," which has a distinguished cast including Rudy Vallee, Ann Miller, Rosemary Lane, Allen Jenkins and a host of others. Told against the scintillating background of Broadway, it is an engaging story of night clubs and broadcasting, and laughter and music are contributed by The Three Stooges, Six Hits and a Miss, and Glen Gray and his Casa Loma Band. Also being shown is "The Officer and the Lady," a romantic tale, with Rochelle Hudson and Bruce Bennett in the chief roles. The film is packed with action and thrills, and gives an insight into the American police service and their hunt for crooks.

George Brent and Martha Scott are the stars of "They Dare Not Love," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. The story opens in Austria on the eve of the Anschluss. Three fugitives escape aboard a ship for America and Gestapo agents intrigue for their return when they endeavour to rescue friends and relatives from their terror-stricken land. The film has an unusual, exciting and romantic climax. Two young screen favourites, Jane Withers and Jackie Cooper, are co-starred in "Her First Beau," which will also be shown.

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"So little salved by so many would mean so much."

FIGHT TO LAST DITCH

FARM FRONT OFFENSIVE

Declaring that everyone working on the land must put into this year's work everything they can, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, in the recent debate on agriculture in the House of Commons, said every farmer should feel personally responsible for seeing that not only his own but his neighbour's land is properly cultivated. Every farm worker should feel a personal responsibility that the farm on which he works is producing the maximum of which it is capable.

The limit of tillage area has pretty well been reached in the light of the resources likely to be available. Now the much more difficult task of improving farm management and getting something more out of existing arable and the remaining grass land would have to be undertaken, said Mr. Hudson.

Thousands of miles of ditches are not doing their job, declared the Minister, and in consequence tens of thousands of acres are water-logged and cannot produce the maximum crops the nation needs. Ditches are the key to the whole drainage problem and landowners, farmers and farm workers must make it their watch word to fight to the last ditch.

Giving high praise to the Women's Land Army of 25,000, which is growing fast, Mr. Hudson said the work women do on the land is second to none in national importance. Driving a tractor or cleaning out a milking shed at half-past five in the morning during recent months was no joy ride, and all praise was due to the girls willing to do it. More of this type of girl were wanted and farmers should apply for them and apply now. Mr. Hudson appealed to every woman living in the country who could spare a few weeks, or a few half-days a week, to give her services to help farmers forward with planting and other operations. Plans were in hand to use all the supplementary labour available—schoolboys and girls, university students and Italian prisoners as soon as they can be secured.

Finally, Mr. Hudson declared:

"Man-power, as in so many other spheres of war production, is our chief limiting factor. The crisis of our national fortunes makes it accordingly all the more essential that from now on every one of us should think, not of what he is going to receive, but of how much he personally can manage to contribute. For that spirit and that spirit alone will provide us with maximum production, without which our past efforts, our past sacrifices, may well prove to have been in vain."

BASIC PAY INCREASES

Government circulars received during the past month have notified Ramsgate Council that the basic pay of members of the Police War Reserve and whole-time Special Constables has been increased by 4s. to £3 14s. a week from 2nd March and that the standard rates of pay for certain grades of N.F.S. personnel have been increased from the same date.

A weekly increase of 4s. for men and 5s. for women has made the basic pay of whole-time Civil Defence personnel £3 14s. for men and £2 12s. for women.

The weekly hours of duty for women have been increased in stand-by conditions from a minimum of 48 to a minimum of 60.

LISTEN IN ON 203·5 METRES

Listeners in various parts of the country are reporting that they now get the Home programme better on 203·5 metres than on any other wavelength. When this is so, listeners are advised to make a practice of tuning to 203·5 metres.

If, however, they do not get improved reception on this wavelength at present, they should remember to try it again later on.

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Reference to the recent deputation by the heads of the Thanet authorities to the Admiralty was made by the Chairman (Dr. F. Brightman) at a meeting of Broadstairs Council. The deputation was received by Sir Edward Carson, First Lord, Adml. Sir J. R. Jellicoe and another representative of the Admiralty. After an hour the deputation withdrew—assured, firstly, that there is no more danger in living on this part of the coast at the present time than there has been during the first two and a half years of war. As a result of the interview the deputation retired feeling more confidence than ever in the naval authorities and their arrangements. No doubt, said Dr. Brightman, Broadstairs had been severely hit, especially lately, and a great many families had left the neighbourhood. He only hoped, when they realised in the next week or two their flight had been unnecessary, that a great many of them would return. Possibly good might come out of it, because now everyone could see the awful result of rumour, and as people did realise what terrible damage they could do and had done this awful chitter-chatter going round would cease. The report that Thanet was to be evacuated had no foundation whatever.

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A proud mother is Mrs. A. Stewart, of 1 Montefiore-cottages, Ramsgate, whose elder son, Pte. F. Stewart, of The Buffs, has been mentioned in despatches for meritorious conduct during the campaign in Mesopotamia. He went to India with The Buffs as a Territorial during the early months of the war, being then only 17.

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Formerly an employee of Messrs. A. Olby Ltd., of Ramsgate, Acting-Q.M.S. G. E. Leman, of The Buffs, has died of wounds. He went to India with his Territorial battalion and took part in the operations which resulted in the capture of Kut. He was seriously wounded and died at the early age of 21.

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An old boy of Christ Church School, Gnr. R. G. Tozer, R.G.A., of St. Andrew's-road, Ramsgate, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in helping a wounded comrade under fire. The Military Medal has also been awarded to L/Cpl. A. T. Stirrups, Royal Fusiliers, of Margate, for distinguished service on the Western Front.

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It is reported that the death has occurred in action of Lt. James Alexander Vance Currie, a well-known Ramsgate sportsman. Lt. Currie came to Ramsgate as a master at Townley House School and shortly before the war broke out took up a position at Godwin College, Margate. A very fine footballer in almost any position, Lt. Currie rendered splendid service to St. George's Football Club. He was also associated with Martin's Cricket Club and carried off many of the Ramsgate Cricket League prizes.

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Col. S. H. Page, of Ramsgate, has been given command of the new Brigade of Artillery. Col. Page has been with the Artillery since the outbreak of war; indeed he was in uniform when the declaration was made, for his unit was undergoing training at the time.

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Undismayed by recent events, the Broadstairs Entertainments Committee has, with characteristic enterprise, decided to engage the band of the Royal Marines, Chatham, for the coming season. The engagement is for a season of eight weeks, beginning on 16th July. It is of interest to note that at Broadstairs the Entertainments Committee receives no financial aid from the rates, but is self-supporting.

A YEAR AGO

By the narrow margin of one vote Ramsgate Council saved the lopping of Sunday cinema performances by an hour.

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With the introduction of a canteen, no cooking or heating stoves are to be permitted in Ramsgate tunnel shelters.

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The authorities at Ramsgate, Margate and Dover are pressing for the compulsory evacuation of all schoolchildren.

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Mr. R. Clarke, Ramsgate Parks and Gardens Superintendent, has been informed that his son, Sgt.-Obs. Roy Desmond Edward Clarke, R.A.F., is buried in the Garrison Cemetery, Brunswick, Germany.

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"For conspicuous conduct and disregard for his own interests while performing duty in conjunction with bomb disposal squads." P/C William Francis Shanahan, of Ramsgate Borough Police Force, has been awarded the Green cup.

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Mr. A. T. Grummant has been appointed Chief Warden of Ramsgate A.R.P. organisation.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

FANCY DRESS BALLS

Fancy dress balls are becoming very popular in Ramsgate. Almost every week one or other of the functions in question happen to be organised for the public delectation. The latest ball was at the Royal Hotel, where a splendid galaxy of fair maids and handsome fellows—with one or two exceptions, arrayed in fancy dress—threaded the maizes of Terpsichore till a late hour on Friday morning. It was an amusing sight. So much so that admiring crowds blocked the streets in front of the hotel for several hours.

GUARDIANS' CHAIRMAN RETIRES

The retirement of Mr. John Kennett, of Ramsgate, from the onerous position of chairman of the Thanet Board of Guardians is not an event that ought to be passed over without some public comment. For no less than 27 years Mr. Kennett has presided over the deliberations of the Board, and he has done so with combined dignity and ability seldom surpassed. The interests of the ratepayers have never suffered at Mr. Kennett's hands, and therefore it is that they view his retirement with unfeigned regret. Their anxiety now is to get a gentleman who will fill his position with equal acceptance.

SENTIMENT NOT WANTED

At a meeting of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Board a person bearing the name of A. G. Harvey, writing from London, requested the leave of the Board to sing sentimental songs on the Parade (Laughter). He played on a miniature piano and desired to be unmolested by the police. He was quite a gentleman (laughter), talented, and he had no vulgarity in his entertainment. Mr. Lawrence moved that the proposal be not entertained. It was, in his opinion, their duty to keep the promenade as clear as possible. Rev. E. D. Stone seconded.—Carried.

CHANDOS GARDENS

We are pleased to learn that, through the strenuous efforts of several local influential gentlemen, the Chandos Gardens question will again be brought before the Broadstairs Local Board on Monday evening. Letters have been received by several local residents from visitors who annually come down to the place, advocating the necessity for having the gardens laid out before the season. We trust that the Board will see their way clear to make a speedy commencement of the work, and thus accede to the wishes of both residents and visitors alike.

COLLECTING KITCHEN WASTE

Ramsgate Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has been asked by the Works Committee of the Town Council to continue to use every effort to make arrangements with private persons for the systematic collection of kitchen waste available in the borough.

The Borough Engineer had reported that he had previously taken steps to introduce a scheme in the borough but it was not adequately supported by the public.

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M.O. TO CONTINUE

The Joint Committee of the East Kent (No. 1) United Districts, which includes Broadstairs, have decided to allow Dr. A. M. Watts, the Medical Officer of Health, to withdraw his resignation and to continue to act as temporary Medical Officer.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

P/C Airman.—P/C Hart, of the Ramsgate Borough Police Force, has been accepted for service in the R.A.F.V.R.

Fire Guard Appointment.—Mr. S. J. Miller, from the wardens' service, has been appointed Ramsgate Fire Guard depot superintendent.

Overdrawn.—The Borough Treasurer has reported to Ramsgate Council that the net balance overdrawn at the bank is £103,664 1s. 6d.

Settled.—A claim entered by Ramsgate Council for £117 18s. 6d. for damage to business fittings by enemy action has been settled after negotiation at £60 8s. 6d.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

February Statistics.—In February the births were registered at Ramsgate of six boys and 11 girls. The deaths registered numbered 19—eight males, 11 females.

Later Library Hours.—Until the end of September, Ramsgate Library Committee have decided the lending department and reading-room shall remain open until 7 p.m.

Last Supply of Bunks.—The final number of bunks to be supplied for Anderson shelters at Ramsgate is 650, approximately sufficient to meet demands. No more three-tier bunks are to be supplied for public shelters.

Rescue Party Supervisor.—Mr. Gibson, assistant rating and valuation officer at Ramsgate, has undertaken the duties of rescue party supervisor in place of Mr. Cotton, chief engineering assistant, who has left to join H.M. Forces.

Satisfactory Samples.—Seven samples of milk and one of tinned soup recently taken for public analysis at Ramsgate were all reported genuine. Three samples of milk taken from retailers to test for cleanliness were all reported satisfactory.

Lighting the Way.—It is proposed to place small illuminated signs in the vicinity of public toilets at Ramsgate and the question of placing temporary conveniences at Boundary-road recreation ground and Queen-street car park is also under consideration.

Speeding Up.—The Board of Trade have agreed to make a 50 per cent. grant towards the cost of a portable conveyor, estimated at £310, which will expedite the loading into lorries of coal arriving by rail at Ramsgate for delivery to the Corporation Gas and Water Department.

Death of Mr. Frederick Pain.—A ticket collector at the old Harbour Station at Ramsgate for many years, Mr. Frederick Pain, formerly of Douro House, Plains of Waterloo, Ramsgate, passed away at Pembury Hospital last week at the age of 77. Mr. Pain, who leaves two daughters, was a brother of Mr. John Pain, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

Templar Candidates.—The proposition of two candidates for membership was accepted at a meeting of the Sunbeam Lodge of Good Templars at Ramsgate last week. Those contributing to a programme of a devotional character were Miss A. Coleman, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Isaacs, C.T., Miss P. Pottle, Master John Isaacs, Mr. T. Wright, and Mrs. Watt, accompanist. Mrs. Simmons, now serving in the A.T.S., was among absent members who sent good wishes, and the intercession service was conducted by Mr. T. Wright.

DEATH OF MR. H. J. BALDOCK

His many friends will learn with regret of the death at Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday of Mr. Harry J. Baldock, who for many years carried on business as a draper in Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Mr. Baldock leaves a widow, one son and five daughters.

Mr. Baldock, who was 69 years of age, was taken ill only a few hours before his death.

A native of Faversham, Mr. Baldock, who began his business career at William Whiteley's stores in London, came to Ramsgate about 40 years ago to take over the business of a general and household draper in Queen-street which was later extended to adjoining premises.

A director of the Cinque Ports Building Society before it was merged with the Isle of Thanet Building Society, Mr. Baldock was a prominent member of the Ramsgate Congregational Church.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended to the members of the family in their sudden loss.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Ramsgate Housing and Town Planning Committee have appointed a sub-committee consisting of Councillor G. W. Twigger, Alderman C. R. Woodhams, Councillor S. E. Austin and Councillor T. H. Prestedge to submit suggestions as soon as possible "for the prescription of smaller areas within the borough in which an obligation will be imposed to submit proposals for the purposes of Section 7 of the War Damage Act, 1941, for all works (other than temporary works)."

This follows the decision to ask the War Damage Commission to specify the area of the borough of Ramsgate for the purposes of Section 7 (2) of the the purposes of Section 7 (2) of the Act regarding works costing more than £1,000 or ten times the net annual value of the hereditament whichever is the less.

The section aims at preserving and improving the amenities of towns in connection with any developments that may be carried out at bombed areas.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

BROADSTAIRS RATES

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee Broadstairs Council to-morrow will be asked formally to approve a general rate of 13s 8d. in the £ and a water rate of 1s. 10d. in the £.

The rate will be payable in two equal instalments—6s. 10d. in the £ for the half year ending 30th September, 1942, and a similar instalment for the half year ending 31st March, 1943.

Black-out To-day 9.12 p.m.—6.52 a.m.

FREEDOM FOR OUR CHILDREN

BEWARE THE "GET-EM-YOUNG" FADDISTS

By L. A. G. STRONG

What kind of education will ensure that our children shall be free in mind, both during the war and afterwards?

The question is urgent, for many reasons. I am assuming, of course, that we win the war, since if we lost it our children would be free neither in mind nor body. What can we do, first of all to protect their minds from any distortion arising from war conditions, and afterwards to see that no obstacles are put in the way of their thinking for themselves?

First of all, war conditions. While war lasts, a certain necessary uniformity of thought on some subjects may be spread, unintentionally or intentionally, to subjects where it is not desirable. The registration of young people for war purposes may be exploited here and there, in unscrupulous hands, in order to inculcate pet doctrines, political, social, or even intellectual, with a resulting distortion and loss of mental independence.

The "Get-'em-young" school of thought, loathsome for whatever purpose it is employed, may find many opportunities in war, and will certainly try to create even more in peace. If one thing is certain it is that after the war there will be a rush to get at the children to ram this, that or t'other notion into their heads, as the best preparation for whatever kind of brave new world the rammers favour. What can we do to protect children against these assaults? And why is it so necessary to protect them?

The Nazi Way.

We shall best answer these questions by taking a look at what has happened up to now. In the last 20 years, the struggle in education has lain between dogma and laisser-faire: between indoctrination and leaving all choice to the child. Indoctrination has been, of course, the method favoured by the Nazis and other exponents of the "get-'em-young" school. We have seen it applied to subjects as far apart as the League of Nations, fox-hunting, pacifism, and fashions in wearing apparel. It is a difficult matter on which to secure a reasoned discussion, since it touches so many beliefs, and since many excellent people are hurt and bewildered if it is suggested to them that they are not entitled to prejudice the minds of children in what seems to them an excellent cause; but one need point no further than the Nazis for proof that it is morally and intellectually indefensible to force opinions upon children before they are old enough to form opinions of their own.

Such "conditioning" of a child's mind is the reverse of education. It is a denial of progress, a reactionary and unforgivable attempt to perpetuate a belief or a set of beliefs, to maintain a sort of intellectual vested interest, to put back the clock, to ensure that Tommy shall be no better than his father. And the tragedy is that there are still many educationalists who, while they loudly condemn the use of these methods by the Nazis, do not hesitate to advocate them for ends which they consider good.

Indoctrination or Licence.

It is a terrible fallacy, the more dangerous because it is so attractive in special cases, and promises to save trouble. I hate it both as parent and former school master. I know, and I admit fully, the difficulty of deciding how much guidance to give and how little: the difficulty of drawing a satisfactory line between indoctrination and licence. If a child is allowed to go his own way altogether, the results are inconvenient to his elders and, before long, cruel to himself. He will be at a disadvantage in meeting other people and taking his place in the world. The conservative type of schooling taught him to take his place in the world, but tended to kill any initiative which might lead him to change the world for the better. The laisser-faire type of schooling tended to make him feckless and disgruntled, socially maladjusted, unable to fit in with others. (This is too sweeping an assertion, of course, but there is a considerable amount of evidence that many products of the most advanced schools found a difficulty in adjusting themselves to ordinary social life). It is a nice dilemma. How is one to find a satisfactory balance between the two extremes?

The Fallacy of Uniformity.

A further difficulty is that one cannot legislate for all alike. I have two cousins, a girl and a boy. The girl is an excellent human being, a good mixer, fond of animals and outdoor pursuits, but not quick at her books. The boy, considerably younger, is brilliant at his books. Both were sent to the same progressive school, an institution—I have nothing against it—where the pupils to a great extent chose their own work and their times and conditions for doing it. The girl was happy and throve. The boy was miserable, had nightmares and screaming fits. A clever psychologist discovered that his mind was unable to bear the strain of rapidly assimilating masses of new knowledge and at the same time being responsible for his own curriculum. She advised that he be sent to a school of the conservative type. There, with a support of a fixed time-table, knowing that at every Thursday at eleven he would do Geometry for three quarters of an hour, etc., he was relieved of all strain, lost his nightmares, and was happy as the day is long.

The parable is clear enough. There is no uniformity, no one system that is best for everybody. We must study the character of each child, and resist to the death the theorists and propagandists who would force him or her into a mould. At all costs we must preserve our children's individuality and let them form their own judgments. They are standing up to the war magnificently, better than any of us. Are we grown-ups so sure that we know what is best for them? All my experience of schools and parents and children—and it is considerable, it covers a great variety—all my experience leads me to doubt it. The present state of the world is no great advertisement for our sagacity. The new world will belong to our children; and the best look-out for it is that they, not we, should build it.

Tunnel Dormitories.—Owing to the longer hours of daylight the dormitory sections of Ramsgate deep tunnel shelters are to be lit from 6 p.m. and the Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler) has been authorised to fix any later hour he may consider desirable during the summer months.

TRAILER PUMPS

FOR ENTHUSIASTIC AMATEURS

Proposals for selected Fire Guard parties to be properly trained in the use of light trailer pumps have been approved by Ramsgate Town Council on the recommendation of the Fire Guard Committee and application is to be made for the loan of four such pumps.

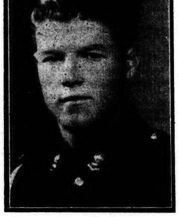
At a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday Councillor G. W. Caffell said Fire Guard Parties were mainly made up of working men who had to go to work early the next morning after coming off fire watching duty. Many of them were the type of men whom the Government were looking to to supplement the Home Guard. When would these men have time to practise with trailer pumps? He suggested this was the work of the N.F.S. As the N.F.S. did not go into action until bombs had dropped he could not see any reason why the N.F.S. should not do the fire watching as well.

Councillor Caffell suggested that in the areas where trailer pumps were required the N.F.S. should take over fire watching duties and they could then man the pumps as well. There was such a thing as overworking a willing horse and the men who were performing fire watching duties had quite enough to do. They had to look after the property of people who had left the town and it was a shame to put more work on to them. He moved that the matter be referred back for further consideration.

Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of the Fire Guard Committee, said they were given to understand that quite a number of people carrying out fire watching were very keen indeed to get hold of a trailer pump. The machines would certainly be used by bodies of enthusiastic amateurs.

The amendment was defeated and the committee's recommendation adopted.

MISSING IN MALAYA



L/Bdr. Wilfred R. Beer, R.A., aged 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Beer, of 3 Hertford-street, Ramsgate, reported missing since the fall of Malaya. He last cabled home on 12th February from Singapore, which fell three days later.

TAIL-END CHARLIE

HE SEES THE AIR WAR BACKWARDS

"The salt of the air"—that is how a famous squadron leader describes the air gunners—gathered at a R.A.F. aerodrome a few days ago, "in conference." They were to discuss the problems of the man who controls the fire power of our multi-seater bombers and new fighters.

Tough, stocky men, most of them young, but some middle-aged, with the ribbons of the D.F.C. and the D.F.M. predominating they came from R.A.F. stations all over Britain. They all wore the air gunner's badge—the single wing with the initials "A.G."

Some had sat for hours in the cramped turrets of big bombers which had made so uneasy the night sky over Germany; others had scoured the seas in Coastal Command aircraft; some had flown by day and by night over the sandy wastes of Libya and the mountains of Greece; and there were men who had manned the guns of our night-fighters.

"Tail-end Charlie" has a job that ranks high in the Royal Air Force. Hours of boredom, loneliness yet essential watchfulness—then, maybe, 30 seconds of hectic battle in which training and courage will decide who wins.

Many an air gunner has directed his aircraft home to safety. While the pilot has remained at the controls, the evasive tactics to be adopted have come from the rear-gunner when "flak" or the attentions of an enemy fighter have promoted the air gunner to the position of man on the spot. All air gunners play this game of aerial tag—a game which may hold the penalty of disaster for the loser.

At the conference, held at an air gunners' school in Flying Training Command, senior officers and pilots of the R.A.F. listened with respect to what the air gunners had to say. The majority of them had something to learn about the air war as seen from an unusual angle—backwards.

After the conference there were the usual reminiscences. A young gamekeeper from the grouse moors of Scotland recalled his first engagement in the air, when he got "a right and left"—two Me. 109s.

There was retold the story of the rear- gunner who climbed out of his turret when the aircraft landed in a field in France. He rushed round to the cockpit to inform his captain that he had made a "darned rough landing," and, to his amazement, found the aircraft empty! They had been in difficulties, and the captain had given instructions to abandon aircraft, but "Tail-end Charlie" had not heard the order. The pilot and the rest of the crew had "baled-out"—the Whitley had floated gracefully on and landed itself!

MARGATE

Death of Mr. A. H. Akhurst.—The death has occurred of Mr. Arthur Hudson Akhurst, aged 69, of 17 Connaught-road, Margate, a lifelong resident of the town who, until his retirement about 20 years ago, had been employed since he left school as an insurance agent. Mr. Akhurst is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter. The interment last week was preceded by a choral service conducted at St. John's Church by the Vicar, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham.

CUTTING DOWN PETROL

COUNCILLOR'S OBSESSION

"The public are getting very restless about the misuse of petrol," declared Councillor J. B. Butler at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

Councillor Butler returned to the attack when the Council were considering the report of the Civil Defence Committee, which showed that during February 50 cars used for Civil Defence purposes travelled 3,435 miles and consumed 542 gallons of petrol.

At the previous meeting of the Council, said Councillor Butler, he moved an amendment, which was adopted, whereby details of the petrol used by individual Civil Defence vehicles should be submitted to the Council. Why, he asked, had that not been carried out, instead of the list being placed in the Town Clerk's office?

Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said it was quite impossible in the report before them to give all the individual details relating to the cars concerned.

Councillor Butler retorted that they could have been condensed on to one page of the reports. Some might think petrol was an obsession with him but he was determined that the amount of petrol used should be cut down.

Quoting from figures, Councillor Butler said that taking the average of the whole of the cars he found they did only 6·3 miles to the gallon. There might be some explanation to account for this but it had not been given. They needed comprehensive details to work on if the use of petrol was to be cut down. The use of petrol did not stop with the Civil Defence Services. It applied to the officials and also to the police. He wanted to see everyone walking wherever it was possible. He had seen officials going round visiting posts that were easily within walking distance.

The Town Clerk's Bicycle.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe): I hope you noticed that the Town Clerk has set an example. He is going about on a bicycle. In my view the misuse of petrol is made by the public joy-riding. It is not so much the other way.

Councillor J. Martin said he did not think the Civil Defence Committee appreciated that Councillor Butler wanted all the details. They were far too ponderous to put in the report but they were available for members of the Council to see if they wished to do so. The facts had to be set out in detail on returns which had to be sent to the Ministry of War Transport.

Asked by the Mayor if he wished to move any amendment, Councillor Butler said he would be out of order for the only resolution he could move would be the one which was adopted at the previous meeting of the Council

Councillor S. E. Austin said someone should tell Councillor Butler that he was on the wrong track when he referred to the average mileages. Many of the vehicles had to be started up and run for ten minutes each morning and each evening and that used up a great deal of petrol without any mileage being covered.

HOME GUARD SUNDAY

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Sunday next will be observed in many places as "Home Guard Sunday" and will be marked by special services for men of a force which is now one to be reckoned with by any would-be German "tourists."

If our great-great-grandfathers were able to revisit their former haunts to see how their successors fare they would be reminded by such church parades of the days when they rallied to the defence of their country during the Napoleonic wars.

Anyone who delves into the records of the critical days of 1803 when invasion was an ever-present possibility will find many references to services attended by the Volunteers of those days on the "Day of the General Fast" (an equivalent of our National Days of Prayer) observed on 19th October in that year.

Some of the sermons delivered on that occasion were so highly thought of that they were subsequently printed and Canon Charles Smyth, in the current issue of "Theology," disinters from a religious periodical of the day some reviews of such publications which are of interest as showing that the thoughts of preachers and their hearers were running on very much the same lines 139 years ago as they are to-day.

A good many of the texts which served the Fast Day preachers in 1803 might as appropriately be used by those who address our Home Guards to-day.

For instance, Dr. J. Rippon, who had the honour of delivering a "Discourse at the Drumhead, on the Fort at Margate" to a body of Volunteers commanded by no less a person than "the Right Hon. W. Pitt," took as his text some words from Deuteronomy: "When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing."

He seems to have concerned himself with the very practical question: "How should a people behave when they are going to war?" and answers it by a plea that they should "avoid rashness and inconsideration," keep themselves "from a prayerless condition' 'and "preserve themselves" both "from presumption and despair."

At St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, the Rev. John Middleton preached on a text from Proverbs—not perhaps quite so literally applicable in these days of mechanised warfare—"The horse is prepared against the day of battle; but safety is of the Lord."

ODEON PATRONS RAISE £60,000

Representing Odeon cinema patrons, Mrs. Rose Cook, of London, handed over cheques totalling £60,000 to Lord Iliffe, the Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, Mr. Arthur Henderson and the Rt. Hon. Sir Archibald Sinclair at a reception held at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester-square.

The money had been collected in response to appeals made at Odeon Theatres throughout the country and of the total £30,000 was presented to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund. The remaining £30,000 was equally divided between the Royal Naval War Amenities Fund, the Army Comforts Fund and the R.A.F. Comforts Fund.

Introduced by Major F. Stanley Bates, joint managing director of Odeon Theatres, Mrs. Cook said she was happy and proud to have been chosen to make the presentations.

The four recipients of the cheques thanked the Odeon public for their great generosity and help.

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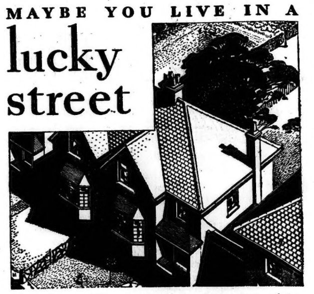

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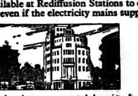

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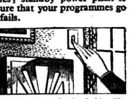

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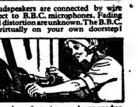

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LESS OF A HEADACHE

THE NEW RATION BOOKS

Housewives who have struggled with an ordinary ration book, a yellow book and a points book for each member of their household will be pleased to hear that in July they will be getting a simpler and better book which combines all three in one cover.

Our first ration books which came into use in January, 1940, were printed before the war as a part of our peace-time precautions. Naturally they were based on experience in 1918. They lasted only six months and were replaced in July, 1940, and in January, 1941, by further similar books.

In July, 1941, ration books designed to cover 12 months were issued in order to halve the labour of the Food Offices and the Postal Services in distributing them. These are the books we are using at present.

Unfortunately, between the time they were printed and the time they were issued, changes in the food situation made it necessary to ration still more foods, and to do this the yellow supplementary book was issued. Then in November last came points rationing and with it an entirely new kind of book, the "Pink 'un."

Now, the food situation is, it is hoped, more or less stabilised, at least as regards the number of foods to be rationed. Additional articles can, of course, be put on the points scheme without the need for extra coupons. Accordingly, the Ministry of Food has produced a 12-months ration book which will begin in July next and which it is hoped will cope with all possible developments until July, 1943.

The most numerous complaints about ration books are on the score of the amount of filling in that has to be done. The new books have been designed to cut this to a minimum. In addition, the design of the coupon pages has been revised with the advice of publicity experts so as to make it easy to fill in, quick in use and simple for the shop-keeper to handle.

Worse in Germany.

Incidentally, those who have grumbled at the number of ration books they have to handle might spare a thought for the German housewife and what she has to cope with. A family consisting of a man, a wife and two children, aged 10 and 5 respectively, receives the following:

7 bread cards.
4 meat cards.
4 fat cards.
4 jam cards.
4 sugar cards.
4 egg cards.
2 milk cards.
4 cards for miscellaneous foods.

This makes 33 cards in all, which have to be renewed every four weeks, so that in one year the German housewife may have to handle nearly 500 separate cards for her family. Altogether, we aren't so badly off, it appears.

BROADSTAIRS

Old Comrades' Whist.—Winners at the weekly whist drive held by Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association were Mr. Lawrence, Mrs. Smith, Gnr. Maynard, Mrs. Rudland, Cpl. Porter, Mrs. Samson, and Mrs. May. Mr. E. Thirkettle was M.C. and a special prize was won by Pte. Swan.

Library Committee.—The General Purposes Committee of Broadstairs Council have recommended that the following should be nominated for appointment to the Local Library Committee for the triennial period ending 31st March, 1945: Councillors H. Bing, F. Foster, B. Humphrey and B. J. Pearson, Miss J. H. Bartrum, Mrs. J. E. Holden, Mrs. H. Watts and Messrs. E. Haslett and T. O. Studd.

Hospitals Flag Day.—Mrs. B. J. Pearson has undertaken to organise the flag day on behalf of Ramsgate and Margate Hospitals to be held at Broadstairs and St. Peter's on Friday next. Mrs. Pearson will be pleased to hear from those willing to sell flags. It was found impracticable to hold the annual flag day last autumn so it is hoped that a special effort will be made in view of the growing needs of the hospitals.

In future Civil Defence personnel who have suffered war service injury will receive sickness benefit for 26 weeks instead of 13.

SUMMER EVENING CLASSES

For the benefit of the students who were prevented by the black-out from attending during the winter months, special summer term evening classes are to be held at Ramsgate Technical Institute.

The term begins on Monday, 20th April, and there will be classes in shorthand and typewriting, book-keeping, languages, history, geography and arithmetic, practical mathematics, engineering, science, mining science, installation and wiring, and keep-fit for women.

CALL-UP DEFERRED

The Minister of Labour and National Service has decided to defer until further notice the call-up for military service of the following officials of Broadstairs Council: The Deputy Clerk (Mr. F. H. Ward), the Deputy Engineer and Surveyor (Mr. W. F. J. Nicholson) and the Chief Clerk in the Clerk's Department (Mr. A. J. Nichols).

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Defeating the combined Clinic and Transport team by 30 points to 20 in the final, Dreamland First Aid Post won the Margate First Aid Services table tennis championship.

The winning team was composed of R. Regan (captain), B. Price, H. Dean, Mrs. M. Harold and Miss M. Doughty.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Peebles.—27th March, at 22 Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells, the wife of Sgt. W. Peebles, R.A.F., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Matthews—Hothersall.—2nd April, at St. George's Church Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Charles Martin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, to Iris Elsie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hothersall, both of Ramsgate.

Mellish—Skelton.—30th [illegible] at Aldermaston Church, Reading, Edward John Mellish, R.A., of London, to Kathleen Mary Skelton, A.T.S., of Ramsgate.

SILVER WEDDING

Keirle-Simpson—Harvey.—9th April, 1917, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, J. E. F. Keirle-Simpson to Muriel C. Harvey. Present address: 127 Rhydypenau-road, Cardiff.

RETURN THANKS

Smith.—Will all the many friends who sent greeting cards and letters of congratulation to Alderman Capt. and Mrs Smith on the occasion of their golden wedding day please accept this acknowledgment and their sincere thanks for their kind thought.

DEATHS

Baldock.—31st March at Tunbridge Wells, Harry J. Baldock, late of 61 Ellington-road, Ramsgate, aged 69 years.

Beard.—30th March, Charlotte Rose, widow of the late Edward Beard, of Minster, Thanet, aged 85 years.—Perfect peace.

Bishop.—25th March, at the Margate General Hospital, Walter Nelson Bishop, aged 77 years.

Coffin.—31st March, at Dawlish, Margaret Grey, widow of the late Thomas Coffin, of Port Lodge, Salisbury-avenue, Broadstairs, in her 81st year.

Fort.—30th March, at 26 Old Crossing-road, Margate, William Henry Fort, aged 84 years.

Nower.—26th March, at 36 Grange-road, Margate, Charles William Nower, aged 51 years.

Todd.—26th March, at 25 Upper Dane-road, Margate, William George Todd.

Twyman.—30th March, Sarah Jane Twyman, of 13 Vicarage-place, Margate, aged 85 years.

Woods.—29th March, John Ernest Woods, of Penshurst, Linden-road, Westgate-on-Sea, aged 63 years.

Woolven.—30th March, at 20 Church-square, Margate, Louisa Alice Woolven.

RETURN THANKS

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—5 Tothill-terrace, Minster.

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